

House Resolution 1442

By: Representative Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring William Austin Atkins, Sr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, William Austin Atkins, Sr., born in Tate, Georgia, on August 16, 1933, to  
3 Austin and Gladys Atkins, has been recognized in the 24th Edition of *Who's Who in the*  
4 *World* as worthy of recognition along with notable leaders and achievers from all walks of  
5 life, whose contributions have made a lasting impact on the political, cultural, business, and  
6 academic frameworks of America and the world; and

7 WHEREAS, this esteemed member of the House of Representatives from 1982 to 1994  
8 served his constituents well as a member of the Appropriations, Regulated Beverages, and  
9 Industry Committees; and

10 WHEREAS, his bachelor of science degree in pharmacy from Mercer University has been  
11 of great use to him as the Director of the Drugs and Narcotics Agency of the State of  
12 Georgia, a position which he has held since 1994; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Atkins possesses a wide range of talents and abilities which include being  
14 lead vocalist of the Bill Atkins Band; and

15 WHEREAS, this director of one of the most important agencies in Georgia, devoted husband,  
16 and father of two children and two stepchildren still finds time to be involved in his  
17 community through his service to the First United Methodist Church on the administrative  
18 board, to Mercer University School of Pharmacy on the board of directors, Brawner Hospital  
19 on the governing board, and Smyrna Hospital on the long-range planning board; and

20 WHEREAS, he honorably served his country in the United States Army Medical Service  
21 Corps from 1955 to 1957; and

1 WHEREAS, others have recognized his talents and contributions by honoring him with  
2 awards such as the Smryna/Oakdale Moose Lodge in 1993 with the "Mr. Cobb County"  
3 award; the Cobb County Clean Commission in 1992 with the "One of a Kind Award"; Cobb  
4 County in 1992 with the Statesman of the Year award; American Cancer Society in 1991  
5 with the Recipient Appreciation plaque; Personal Care Homes of Georgia in 1991 with the  
6 Legislator of the Year Friendship Award; and the Cobb County Bar Association in 1991 with  
7 the Liberty Bell Award; and

8 WHEREAS, in addition to the Pharmacist of the Year in Georgia award he received from Phi  
9 Delta Chi in 1978, he has also received numerous awards throughout the years for his  
10 dedication and service to the pharmacy profession; and

11 WHEREAS, Bill Atkins is a shining example of the important impact that the efforts of one  
12 individual can have on the citizens of his community, his state, his country, and even the  
13 world, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that his superlative accomplishments be  
14 recognized appropriately.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
16 the members of this body join in recognizing and honoring William Austin Atkins, Sr., for  
17 his outstanding service to his community and to the State of Georgia.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
19 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to William Austin Atkins, Sr.